

Weather Bureau/National Weather Service History in Georgia

Location	Type	Years	Details
Adairsville	WBAS	1943-1945	A Weather Bureau Airport Station opened in December 1943, but was closed by the fall of 1945.
Athens	WBAS WBO WSO	1943-1997	A Weather Bureau Airport Station opened in July 1943 at Ben Epps Field. The office operated part-time from 1948 to 1955. Upper-air observations began in September of 1955 after being moved from Atlanta. A WSR-57 radar was commissioned 9/21/1966. The office was closed in 1997, with functions transferred to the Peachtree City (Atlanta) office.
<u>Atlanta</u>	SigSvc WBO WBAS DFO FAWS HQ WSFO RFC RDO WSO	1878-1996	<p>The Signal Service established an office in downtown Atlanta 9/25/1878, and was taken over by the new Weather Bureau in the 1890's. It occupied several locations downtown, ending at the Federal Annex (opened 3/15/1934). An airport office was established 11/1/1928, and the city office merged with it 4/30/1954. A district forecast office was established in July 1943, assuming part of the former Jacksonville, FL, forecast coverage area. In January 1944, a Flight Advisory Weather Service station was added at the air traffic control center. A regional headquarters office was closed in early 1950. A new airport facility was occupied 4/2/1962, with forecast operations moved off the airport 6/2/1976. On 2/28/1992, the office relocated to temporary facilities in Hapeville, before moving permanently to Peachtree City 4/15/1994, with airport observing operations terminated 10/31/1996.</p> <p>The <u>Southeast River Forecast Center</u> moved to Atlanta in 1967 from Augusta, moving to the WBAS at the Atlanta International Airport. It had a few temporary homes downtown until being co-located with the Weather Service Forecast Office in 1976. The RFC and WSFO moved to a temporary facility in 1992 before relocating to Peachtree City in April 1994.</p>
Augusta	WBAS WBO RFC	1955?-1995	Augusta was home to a Weather Bureau Airport Station (WBAS), and a Weather Service Office (WSO), before closing in 1995. Augusta was also the first home of the <u>Southeast River Forecast Center</u> , which was present until relocating to Atlanta in 1967.
Columbus	WBAS WSO	1946-1996?	A Weather Bureau Airport Station was opened at the Muscogee County Airport in January 1946. The office was reduced to 16-hour per day operations in 1952, and did not resume full-time operations until March 1977. A WSR-74C radar was commissioned 4/2/1979. The office was closed as part of the NWS modernization.
Dawsonville	WBO	1955? - ?	The Weather Bureau operated a station at the Georgia Nuclear Laboratory to support the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.
Hampton	CWSU	? - present	The Atlanta-area Center Weather Service Unit operates out of the ARTCC in Hampton.
Leesburg	WB/UA	1919-1931	Leesburg was one of 5 Weather Bureau offices taking upper air observations using kites. This was discontinued in July 1931, when airplane observations began in other locations around the country.
Macon	WBO	1899-1995?	The Weather Bureau established its office in Macon in April 1899 at the Post

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WBAS RDO WSO	Office/Courthouse. It was relocated a few times, beginning in 1905, as the building underwent various renovations. A separate office was established at Cochran Field (current Middle Georgia Regional Airport) in 1944, and the city office moved to this locations in October 1949. A WSR-3 radar was commissioned 4/21/1958, and replaced by a WSR-74C on 4/18/1977. A separate office was established at the Georgia Forestry Center in 1968. NWS operations ended after the ASOS was commissioned in 1995.
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Rome	WBAS WSO	1945-1969	An office was opened at Russell Field in September 1945. An Automated Meteorological Observation Station was established in 1961, and the office began part-time operations. The office was fully automated in April 1969.
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<u>Peachtree City</u>	WFO RFC	1994-present	The Peachtree City office opened 4/15/1994, with the relocation of the Atlanta NWS forecast office. Peachtree City is also the home of the Southeast River Forecast Center.
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Savannah	SigSvc WBO WBAS WSO	1870-1996	Signal Service operations began in December 1870, with the Weather Bureau taking over in 1891. The office remained downtown at various locations until July 1949. A separate airport office was opened at Hunter Field in July 1930, and the city office was relocated here in July 1949. It then moved to Travis Field (current Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport) in 1950. A WSR-4 radar was commissioned at the ofifce 4/7/1960, and removed in 1970. A WSR-74C radar was then commissioned 11/15/1982. The office closed in April 1996 after ASOS commissioning.
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Thomasville	WBO	1905-1933, 1955-1964	The Weather Bureau opened an office in Thomasville in August 1905. It was closed at the end of August 1933, and made a second-order station. The office reopened in October 1955, and permantly closed 7/1/1964.
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Waycross	WSMO	1969-1995	A meteorological observatory was established in April 1969, taking upper-air observations. A WSR-57 network radar was installed in August of that year. The office was closed in 1995, after the radar was decommissioned and upper-air responsibilities moved to Jacksonville, FL.
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